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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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SUBJECT: PROPERTY CLAIMS OF ILIA AND DOBRANKA KOLEV

REFS: A. STATE 168012; B. DEPT A-350, JAN. 17, 1975;

C. DEPT A-9155, DEC. 11, 1974; D. SOFIA A-103, OCT. 23, 197

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E. DEPT A-6882, SEPT. 3, 1974; F. SOFIA 0922, JUNE 6, 1974.

1. NEITHER EMBASSY LEGAL CONSULTANT KAZANDZHIEV NOR KOLEV'S LAWYER OF RECORD BOZDUGANOV HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND RECORD OF OTHER ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING KOLEV AS WAS IMPLIED IN REFS (C) AND (E). ACCORDING TO BOZDUGANOV HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM KOLEV SINCE JULY 1974 RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION IN KOLEV CASE.

2. SEEMS CLEAR THAT WHATEVER SOFIA ATTORNEY HAS BEEN ADVISING KOLEV NOT TO APPEAL 1968 AND 1970 DECREES DEPRIVING HIM AND WIFE OF BULGARIAN CITIZENSHIP AND PROPERTY IS DOING SO IN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY. OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE ADVICE ATTRIBUTED TO THIS UNNAMED LAWYER IN REF (C) IS THAT, IN LAWYER'S OPINION, APPEAL MIGHT BE WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY SINCE IT UNLIKELY THAT BULGARIAN COURTS WOULD REVERSE DECREE. THIS MAY WELL BE VALID JUDGEMENT, BUT FACT REMAINS THAT, UNDER BULGARIAN LAW, CONFISCATION WAS CARRIED OUT IN LEGAL MANNER, AND AS FAR AS EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE, APPELLATE REMEDY IS ONLY ONE NOW AVAILABLE TO KOLEV. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY MADE DIRECT REPRESENTATION TO MFA IN THIS CASE (REF F) WITHOUT SUCCESS. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE SOMEWHAT UNRESTRAINED LANGUAGE USED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY KOLEV IN LETTERS AND DECLARATIONS TO VARIOUS BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

3. BELIEVE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS BY EMBASSY WOULD,

ESPECIALLY IN ABSENCE OF LEGAL APPEAL BY KOLEV, BE  
UNAVAILING AND INJUDICIOUS USE OF WHATEVER LEVERAGE WE  
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP WITH BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION, AS INDICATED IN REF (D),  
REMAINS THAT IF KOLEV WISHES TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER HE  
SHOULD CLEARLY INSTRUCT AND AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY IN BULGARIA  
TO PROCEED WITH APPEAL OF APPROPRIATE BULGARIAN COURT  
DECREES.

5. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED, BY DEPT, BY KOLEV, OR  
BY KOLEV'S ATTORNEY IN BULGARIA OF ANY REALISTIC ACTIONS  
RECENTLY TAKEN BY KOLEV. SUGGEST THAT DEPT ADVISE KOLEV  
OF CONTENTS OF REF (D) AND THIS COMMUNICATION. WOULD  
APPRECIATE EARLY REPORT ON HIS INTENTIONS IF ANY.  
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